

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**FISCAL MEMORANDUM**

**HB 1960 – SB 2586**

April 19, 2016

**SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL:** Enacts the Juvenile Justice Realignment Act. Creates a 14 member task force to study the feasibility and make recommendations in preparation for the creation of a Department of Juvenile Justice. Requires the task force to be administratively attached to the Comptroller's Office and allows for members of the task force to be reimbursed for necessary traveling expenses while engaged in work for the task force. Requires the task force to report to the Speaker of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the Governor by January 15, 2017. Upon providing the report and recommendations, the task force will cease to exist.

**FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:**

Increase State Expenditures - \$2,800/Each One-Day Meeting

**SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (016292):** Deletes and rewrites the bill such that the only substantive changes are: (1) the taskforce is to study new approaches to the administration of juvenile justice, which may include the creation of a Department of Juvenile Justice, (2) adds the Executive Director of the Commission on Children and Youth, or the director's designee, and the President of the Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges, or the president's designee, to the current list of members who shall serve as ex officio members to the task force; and (3) requires the task force to provide a recommendation and report for new approaches to the administration of juvenile justice to the Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges for their review and comment. The Council is to forward the report to the Speaker of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the Governor by January 15, 2017 with any comments. Upon providing the report and recommendations, the task force will cease to exist.

**FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:**

**Unchanged from the original fiscal note.**

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- Based on information provided by the Department of Finance and Administration, the Department of Children's Services, and the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services, any costs associated with participating in the task force can be

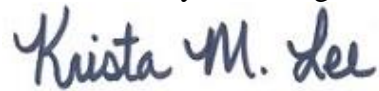
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accommodated within existing resources without an increased appropriation or reduced reversion.

- All fourteen members of the task force will receive reimbursement for travel expenses. Four legislative members of the task force will also receive per diem.
- An increase in state expenditures of \$2,770 [(14 members x \$139.59 travel) + (4 members x \$204 per diem)] for each one day meeting.
- According to the Administrative Office of the Courts, participating in the task force will not affect the court system; any fiscal impact will be not significant.

### **CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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